

REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Internal Improvement.

The committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred the memorial of the Baltimore and Susquehannah Rail Road Company, beg leave to report that, after mature consideration, they are of opinion it is a work justly entitled to the protection and patronage of the State, as constituting a very important part of the system of internal improvements now in progress in Maryland.

In order that the house may understand the object and progress of the work, and the extent of the operations of the company, the committee beg leave to state that by the charter of the company passed in 1827, it was designed to extend a Rail Road in the most direct line to the great valley of the Susquehannah. To accomplish this, the consent of the State of Pennsylvania was necessary, which has, however, been heretofore refused except in the qualified form of the incorporation of a company, to construct a Rail Road from the town of York, to the Maryland line, clogged with conditions which rendered the charter valueless. In the year 1831, an application for the amendment of the charter, was granted by the Legislature, authorising the construction of a branch Rail Road, to the town of Westminster, and thence to the head waters of the Monocacy river. Under the powers granted by the original and amended charter, the company have constructed a Rail Road along the valley of Jones' Falls, for a distance of seven miles, upon which a double track has been laid. From this point, the direct line has been extended five miles to intersect the York Turnpike road; and the Westminster branch, ten miles to intersect the Reisterstown Turnpike road. It is the present intention of the company to extend the main road a few miles further towards the Gunpowder Falls, and there await the removal of the obstacles interposed by Pennsylvania, to the prolongation of the road, to its contemplated point of termination. This portion of the road will afford very great facilities of transportation to the local trade now conducted upon the turnpike road, and to